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## **Sen. McManus responds to Legal Birth Definition Act critics**

**LANSING** – State Senator Michelle A. McManus, R-Lake Leelanau, issued the following statement today in response to critics of the Legal Birth Definition Act:

“I was disappointed to learn this morning that critics of the Legal Birth Definition Act were once again attacking this vital piece of legislation. Last June, I joined 460,000 of my fellow citizens to help protect women, their health, and their dignity. Partial birth abortions offend the conscience of Michigan.

“Opponents of this act have managed to push back the date it goes into effect to mid-June citing that it contains no exception for the health and life of the mother. Once again these critics have fallen back on half-truths and mischaracterizations. The Legal Birth Definition Act makes an exception for the extreme and rare circumstances where the delivery of a child threatens the mother’s life or physical health.

“Our obligation as human beings dictates that we protect those who cannot protect themselves, and the Legal Birth Definition Act protects Michigan’s most vulnerable people. I salute the thousands of men and women who signed the People’s Override petitions to help make this act law, and I hope the critics will take a closer look and see that this legislation not only protects the child but protects the mother’s health and life as well.”

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